Educational Development Finance Corporation

†1488. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Educational Development Finance Corporation for expansion of higher studies;

(b) if so, by when this decision is likely to be implemented;

(c) the schemes under which financial aid is likely to be provided for expansion of higher studies by this Corporation; and

(d) the target of capital investment for initial operation of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Sanskrit Schools and Madarsas

1489. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme for modernisation of Sanskrit Schools and Madarsas;

(b) if so, what amount has been spent, State-wise, alongwith number of schools benefited; and

(c) whether proposals received from States for the purpose are pending with concerned department?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government implements separate schemes for the modernisation of Sanskrit Pathshalas and of Madarasas.

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